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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/170,864	Applicant(s) Edenson et al.
Examiner Pierre E. Elisca	Art Unit 3621

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on May 9, 2003

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

4) Claim(s) 1-19, and 21-40 are pending is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) none is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 15-40 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT

1. This Office action is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on 05/09/2003.

2. Claims 20, 41-42 are canceled, and claims 1-19, 21-40 are pending.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

3. Claims 1-19 and 21-24 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. **Claims 25-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being patentable by Pickholtz (U.S. Pat. No. 4,593,353).**

As per claims 25-40, Pickholtz discloses a method/apparatus for limiting program execution to only an authorized data processing system, a proprietary program, together with first and second

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authorization codes, is stored on a magnetic disc or other storage medium(which is readable as Applicant's claimed invention wherein it is stated that a secure data storage medium), comprising: a digital storage medium for storing digital data (see., abstract, col 2, lines 26-42, specifically wherein it is stated that magnetic disc or other storage); and an identification system module corresponding to the digital storage medium, the identification system module containing an authorization code describing which media players are authorized to read digital data from the digital storage medium (see., abstract, col 2, lines 26-42, col 3, lines 1-36, specifically wherein it is stated that a hardware module containing a pseudorandom number generator unique to the authorized system receives the first authorization code as a key, and the step of describing which media players are authorized is interpreted as wherein said if there is a favorable comparison, an execute enable signal is generated to enable the software to be executed in the system or in the media players).

REMARKS

6. In response to Applicant's arguments, Applicant argues that the prior art of record taken alone or in combination fails to disclose: " identification system module containing an authorization code describing which media players are authorized to read digital data from the digital storage medium". As indicated above, Pickholtz discloses this limitations in the abstract, col 2, lines 26-42, col 3, lines 1-36, specifically wherein it is stated that a hardware module containing a pseudorandom number generator unique to the authorized system receives the first authorization code as a key, and

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the step of describing which media players are authorized is interpreted as wherein said if there is a favorable comparison, an execute enable signal is generated to enable the software to be executed in the system or in the media players.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and relied upon is considered to applicant's disclosure.
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Pierre Eddy Elisca at (703) 305-3987. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday from 6:30AM. to 5:00PM.

If any attempt to reach the examiner by telephone is unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (703) 305-9768.

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